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GARY, INDIANA 46402

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INDIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION

June 30, 1983

United States Coast Guard  
610 South Canal Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60607

Attention: GM<sub>2</sub> Eisenbraun

Dear Mr. Eisenbraun:

United States Steel Corporation  
Gary Works  
Oil Spill Control Action

This is forwarding information that you requested at your June 28, 1983, visit to Gary Works to investigate the recent oil spill control action.

On June 25, 1983, approximately 2,000 gallons of fuel oil was discharged from the #13 Blast Furnace fuel injection system onto the ground and into sewer Gwell to Lake Michigan. This discharge resulted from a valve malfunction within the fuel injection system.

Upon discovery of the discharge immediate measures were taken to stop the discharge, prevent it from entering the sewer system and recover the oil which had reached the slip and breakwater areas of Lake Michigan. An outside contractor, Dombrowski and Holmes, was utilized to provide expert service to control and recover the discharge of oil. They conducted around-the-clock operations on June 25 and 26, to maximize recovery of the oil and will cease normal control operations in about one week at an estimated cost of \$35,000. It is estimated that approximately 1,800 gallons of oil was recovered.

Please advise this office if additional information is required.

Very truly yours,

P. K. Morrison  
Chief Engineer

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cc: R. J. Cleaton - Indiana State  
Board of Health

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